

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The humidifying device 10 comprises a hollow circular-cylindrical housing 12 and a bundle 14 comprising a plurality of hollow fibers 14a disposed within the housing 12. Partition walls 16a and 16b are also provided in the housing 12, to divide the interior space of the housing 12 into an introduction chamber ~~13~~¹³⁴⁵ for a gas to be humidified, which is located adjacent to an upstream end of the hollow fiber bundle 14 and communicates to the inner spaces of the hollow fibers 14a, a discharging chamber 15 for gas to be humidified, which is located adjacent to a downstream end of the hollow fiber bundle 14 and communicates to the inner spaces of the hollow fibers 14a, and an operation chamber 17 arranged between the introduction chamber 13 and the discharging chamber 15.